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H.R. No. 449

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert H. Richardson of Bryan-College Station
2 is retiring from a distinguished career as director of the Texas
3 Transportation Institute and as associate vice chancellor for
4 engineering and regents professor in The Texas A&M University
5 System; and

6 WHEREAS, Since joining the TAMU system in 1984, Dr.
7 Richardson has contributed greatly to the engineering program;
8 under his leadership, Texas A&M was awarded the Offshore Technology
9 Center, a National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center,
10 and both competitive grants and endowments increased considerably;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional served for two years as
13 chancellor of The Texas A&M University System before taking the
14 helm of TTI, the largest university-affiliated transportation
15 research organization in the country, in 1993; in the years since
16 then, TTI has become home to nine national research centers and
17 garnered millions of dollars in funding from state, federal, and
18 private sponsors; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson earned his bachelor's and master's
20 degrees at Colby College in Maine and his doctoral degree from the
21 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all in the field of
22 mechanical engineering; after serving for a time with the U.S. Army
23 at the Ballistics Research Laboratory, he returned to MIT, where he
24 eventually became associate dean of the College of Engineering; in

1 addition, he was chief scientist of the U.S. Department of
2 Transportation for two years; and

3 WHEREAS, Widely recognized for his accomplishments, Dr.
4 Richardson has received a host of honors, including election to the
5 National Academy of Engineering, the Rufus Oldenburger Medal, the
6 Centennial Medal, and the Benjamin Garver Lamme Medal, to name but a
7 few; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his rich and accomplished career,
9 Herbert Richardson has earned the lasting respect and admiration of
10 his colleagues and students for his leadership, dedication, and
11 scholarship, and his legacy of excellence will not soon be
12 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Herbert H.
15 Richardson on the occasion of his retirement as director of the
16 Texas Transportation Institute and associate vice chancellor for
17 engineering and regents professor for The Texas A&M University
18 System and extend to him deep appreciation for his exemplary public
19 service; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Dr. Richardson as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.